# Wisconsin Forward Exam DAC/SAC Training 2019 Updates





## Agenda

- Key Dates
- Confidentiality
   Agreements
- Accessibility Guide
- TTS vs. Read Aloud...Support vs. Accommodation
- Staff Preparation

- Test Administrator Training
- Updated TDA and new resources
- Test Times/Sessions
- COS
- Unlock/Purge
- Reporting



## 2019 Key Dates

#### http://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/forward/calendar

Event	Date	
essibility Guide and Training available October 1, 2018		
eDIRECT Guide available	January 21, 2019	
DAC Update Training- Recorded Presentation	January 28, 2019	
NEW DAC Training- Recorded Presentation	January 28, 2019	
Test Administrator Training- Recorded Presentation	February 4, 2019	
Student Tutorials available	February 11, 2019	
Administrator Tutorials available	February 11, 2019	
Online Tools Training available	February 11, 2019	
Optional Add Accessibility Features Window in eDIRECT	February 11 – 22, 2019	
Assign Individual Student Designated Supports and Accommodations in eDIRECT	March 4, 2019	
Access to eDIRECT Test Sessions and Individual Student Information	March 4, 2019	
Forward Exam Testing Window	March 18 – May 3, 2019	
User's Guide to Interpreting Results available	TBD	
Individual Student Reports (ISRs) and Summary Data available in eDIRECT	TBD	
Hard copies of Individual Student Reports (ISRs) sent to districts	TBD	
Public Reports available in WISEdash	TBD	

## **Confidentiality Agreements**

Reminder

#### DPI

DAC - Send only the DAC signed form to DPI (DAC retains the SAC, DTC forms and any other district level forms)

SAC - Send SAC signed form to DAC (SAC forms retained at the district level)

Proctor, TA, STC, and any school staff involved in the testing process - Send signed forms to the SAC

Forms available at:

http://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/forward/security



## What's New for 2019

- Updates to the Accessibility Guide
- Updated Tutorial Videos
- Test Administrator Training
- Consolidation of manuals/guides
- New Decision Tree (EL)
- Central Office Services (COS)
- Science Test
- New TDA Resources
- New TDA Layout and Tools in eDIRECT





## **UPDATED!** Accessibility Guide

The Accessibility Guide provides information for educators and related services personnel to use in selecting and administering universal tools, designated supports, and accommodations for students who need them.

There have been a couple updates to the guide this year. Be sure to review the updated guide completely with staff.



http://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/forward/accommodations



## Read Aloud in Spanish



- Read aloud in Spanish allows the student to listen to the Spanish translation (stacked) test information displayed on the screen, read to them by a qualified human reader in Spanish.
- Words and numbers, test directions, questions, answer choices, and other information is read aloud in Spanish by a human reader and can be repeated as necessary.
- For English language arts (ELA) only the test directions may be read aloud in Spanish.

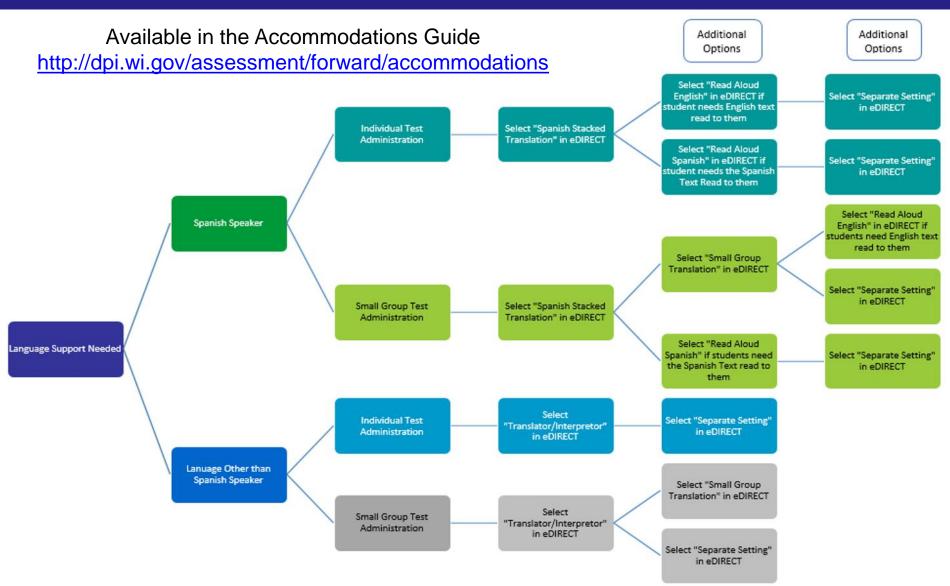
See the Accessibility Guide for more information.





## **EL Support Decision Tree**





# Removal of the TTS Accommodation



The TTS accommodation has been removed from the allowable accommodations for the Forward Exam.

- This accommodation was only allowed for newly blind students, learning braille but were not yet proficient and had that need documented in an IEP/504 plan. It allowed this very small number of students to listen the computer read the ELA test information displayed on the screen, including test directions, questions, answer choices, and ELA reading passages.
- These same students will still be permitted to use the Read Aloud accommodation but the DAC must submit a request for Read Aloud accommodation form for approval by DPI prior to use.



# TTS vs. Read Aloud Reminder Designated Support vs. Accommodation

## TTS Designated Support

Available for all content areas

Read by the computer

As reading ability is being tested in ELA session 4, it will not read the reading passages in that session.

May be provided to any student with a documented need including those with and IEP or 504 plan.

Should be used for the majority of students requiring text content read to them for standardization purposes.

## Read Aloud Designated Support

Available for all content areas

Read by a human reader

As reading ability is being tested in ELA session 4, it will not read the reading passages in that session.

May be provided to any student with a documented need including those with and IEP or 504 plan.

Should only be used by students who have difficulties with the computer voice such as students with autism, hearing difficulties, etc.

## Read Aloud Accommodation

Only available for ELA

Read by human reader

In addition to reading all directions, questions and answer choices, it will allow the reading of the reading passages in ELA session 4

May only be provided to a student with visual impairments who is learning braille but not yet proficient and whose need is documented in an IEP or 504 plan, with prior approval from DPI via request form.

## **Staff Preparation**



DACs/SACs are responsible for training all staff in the policies and procedures of:

- Test Administration
- Accessibility
- Test Security



## Required Resources/Trainings by Role

#### DACs/SACs

- DAC/SAC Training
- Test Administration
   Manual
- Accessibility Guide
- Test Administrator Training Video
- Test Security
   Manual
- eDIRECT Guide
- DAC/SAC Checklists
- User's Guide to Interpreting Results

#### DTCs/STCs

- DTC Technology Training
- Technology User Guide
- Technology
   Readiness
   Resources

#### Test Administrators/ Educators

- Test Administration
   Manual
- Test Administrator Training Video
- Test Security
   Manual
- Accessibility Guide
- Administrator
   Tutorials on how to use the embedded accessibility
   features





# Suggested Additional Resources/Trainings

#### DACs/SACs

- Administrator Tutorials
- Accessibility Training Video
- Test Security Video
- Forward Exam FAQ

#### DTCs/STCs

- DTC Q&A Webinars
- Technology Readiness Resources

## Test Administrators/ Educators

- Test Security Video
- Accessibility
   Training Video
- User's Guide to Interpreting Results
- TDA Resources





## Test Administrator Training Recorded Presentation

- Walks educators (TAs) through what they need to know to proctor a valid and reliable test.
- They will learn what they need to do prior to testing for both themselves and their students.
- TAs will also receive instruction for administration.





## **Student Preparation**

Reminder



Test Prep

- Familiarity
- Less Anxiety

Ensure that teachers are teaching to the curriculum and not to the test, as teaching to the test narrows the focus of instruction to only that content covered by the test.



## New Look of the TDA



#### WBTE Preview

Question 1













#### The Legend of the Black Fish

based on a Native American Legend

Long ago, a young man named Natsilane lived on the Pacific Northwest Coast. Natsilane had many talents, including woodcarving. Some people were jealous of Natsilane's talents because they thought he would be chosen as the next chief.

Natsilane could carve just about anything out of any type of material including rock and wood. His favorite material to work with was wood, and his wood carvings were of people, plants, and animals. Animals were his favorite to carve. He often went into the forest to observe animals so his carvings would be as realistic and lifelike as possible.

One day, Natsilane decided he wanted to observe water animals more closely than from just standing on the shore. He took a canoe and traveled out into the water. Soon he saw some fish swimming next to his canoe. Then he saw a turtle, which he followed until he was close to an island. Natsilane decided to stop at the island and explore it. When the canoe was close enough to the shore. Natsilane leaped out of the canoe and swam to the island's shore.

Natsilane started to explore the island. He was amazed by the many different plants and birds that lived there. Natsilane lost track of the time

(Practice Hint: Use the Sticky Notes tool to write ideas for your response. When you are ready to respond, begin typing in the answer box.)

Both passages focus on creatures from two different species helping each other. Write a response explaining how both passages show ways in which people and animals help each other. Use evidence from both passages to support your response.

#### Writer's Checklist





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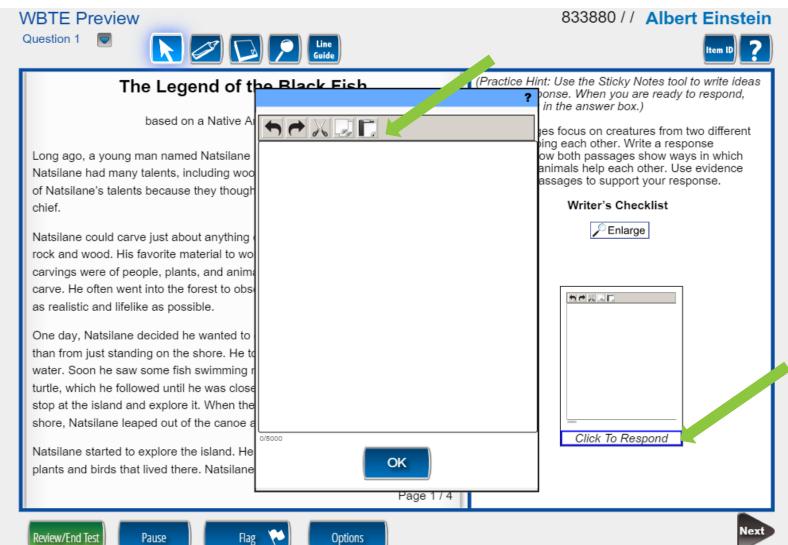






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#### Writer's Checklist

#### PLAN before you write

- Read the entire passage(s) carefully.
- Read the guestion carefully.
- Think about how the question relates to the passage(s).
- Organize your ideas on scratch paper. Use a thought map or outline to plan your essay.
- Plan to include multiple paragraphs in your essay.

#### FOCUS while you write

- Analyze and explain what you think about the information from the passage(s) in your essay.
- Support and develop the ideas in your essay by using text evidence from the passage(s).
- Use precise language, a variety of sentence types, and transitions between paragraphs in your essay.
- Organize your essay with an introduction, body, and conclusion.

#### PROOFREAD after you write

- I included my own thoughts and ideas in my essay.
- □ I stayed focused in my writing on answering the question.
- □ I included evidence from the passage(s) to support my ideas in my essay.
- □ I corrected errors in capitalization, spelling, sentence formation, punctuation, and word choice.
- □ I re-read the question and my final essay answers the question.
- □ I used correct language, a variety of sentence types, and paragraph transitions in my essay.













## **Additional TDA Updates**



- ChromeOS keyboards should be set to US-Keyboard
- Students may now use the tab key to indent a paragraph





# Text-Dependent Analysis (TDA) Sampler UPDATED



Grades 3 & 4

Text-Dependent Analysis Sampler



- Updated for 2018-19
- This document contains samples of TDA test questions, stimulus passages, and student responses.
- New writer's checklist added

http://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/forward/sample-items





## **Additional TDA Resources**

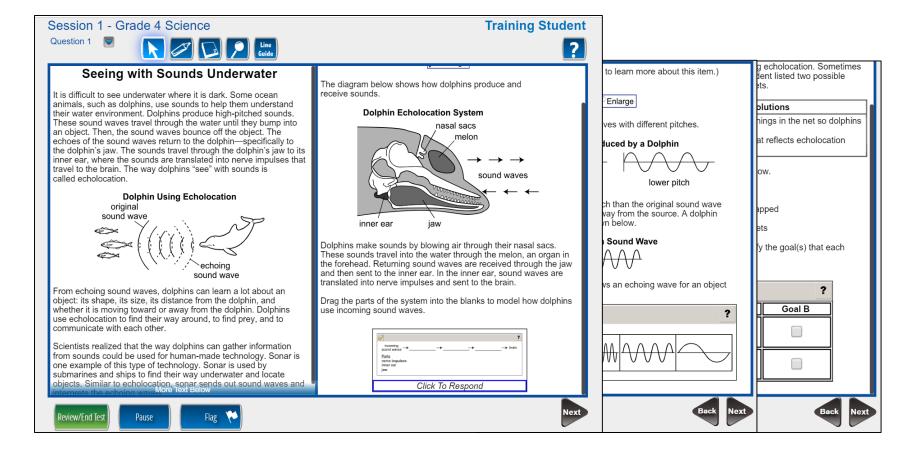


- TDA Rubric
- How to Organize a TDA Response
- TDA Fact Sheet
- TDA FAQ
- Tips for Writing a TDA
- TDA Presentation for Educators



## **New Science Test**







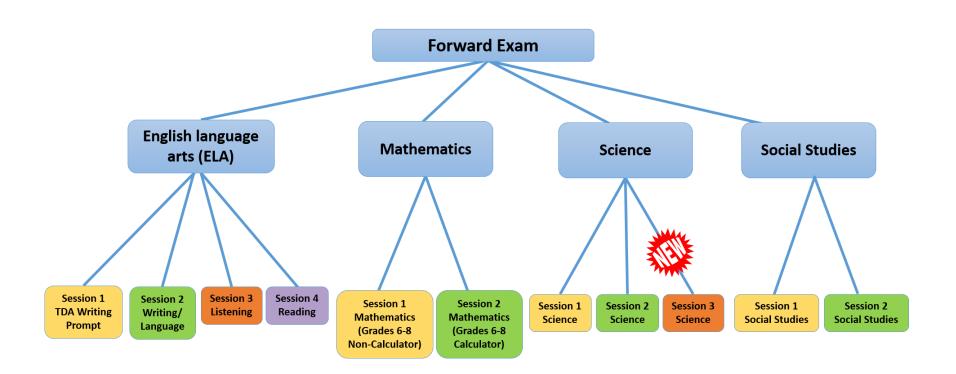
## **Forward Exam Test Window**

## March 18 – May 3, 2019

<b>Content Areas</b>	Grades
ELA and Mathematics	3-8
Science	4 and 8
Social Studies	4, 8, and 10



## Forward Exam Graphic Overview





## **Suggested Testing Times**



The Forward Exam is an untimed test. The following are suggested testing times provided by DRC to be used as guidance to assist with scheduling the Forward Exam. It is important to remember that students may take more time or less time to complete the test based on effort and ability levels.

Forward Estimated Testing Times (in minutes)						
Grade Level	ELA	Mathematics	Science	Social Studies		
3	130	90	NA	NA		
4	130	90	120	70		
5	130	90	NA	NA		
6	130	105	NA	NA		
7	130	105	NA	NA		
8	130	115	120	70		
10	NA	NA	NA	70		

Sample test schedules and test blueprints are available at <a href="http://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/forward/resources">http://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/forward/resources</a>



## **Creating a Test Schedule**

#### **Timing**

- Do not wait until the last week or two of the window to schedule your testing for all of your students (this time should be used for make-ups, new students, technology issues, etc.)
- There are zero
   Extensions of the seven week window

#### Back-up Plan

- It is strongly recommended that districts have a back-up plan for students and educators if a situation occurs.
- Removing students
   from a testing situation
   that is not functioning
   and returning them to
   their regular schedule is
   recommended to keep
   frustration levels low.
- Build days into your testing schedule for these situations

#### Make-ups

- Every attempt should be made to administer make-up tests to students who miss one or more of the scheduled test sessions.
- This includes ensuring any student who moves into your district during the seven week window is tested.



## Central Office Services (COS)

First available for use with Forward in 2018

#### Central Office is made up of:

- 1. Central Office Services Device Toolkit (COS-DTK)
  - Configuration User Interface replacing stand-alone Device Toolkit
- 2. Central Office Service Devices (COS)
  - Content Management Hosting Services that replaces TSM
  - Delivers test content to student testing devices
  - Usually installed on a central server or dedicated machine





## Retry Logic Vs. TSM

- The original design of TSM response caching was to allow students to continue testing during a connectivity failure (where the failure is outside the school's network - Internet connection to DRC).
- Retry Logic (part of INSIGHT) Designed for todays issues (internal network connectivity issues/wifi) Tries to immediately reconnect while the student is testing. The student's answers are saved to the INSIGHT browser until the connection is reestablished.

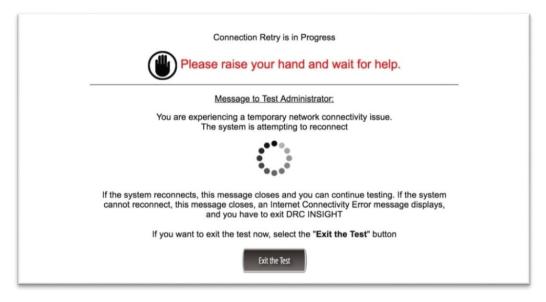


## **Extended Retry**



If there is a connectivity issue (usually on an internal network – WiFi these days) INSIGHT will:

- Tries to immediately reconnect while the student is testing
- If unable to reconnect, this warning will pop-up on the student's screen, and INSIGHT will continue to try to reconnect for up to 5 minutes.
- You have two options: 1) let it try to reconnect, or 2) exit the test and have the student log in and resume testing later (or at a different station) where they left off.





## Extended Retry (continued)



If you choose to wait and there is no reconnection within that 5 minutes you will receive an error message as shown below.

At this point you will need to click ok and the student will be able to log in at another time (or at a different station if it is not a school wide issue) to continue testing where they left off.

Internet Connection Error	
Message to Test Administrator:	
There has been an interruption in Internet connection.  The student may be moved to another computer to continue testing.	
If this error persists, contact your local IT staff to verify network and Internet connections are working. They can contact DR Customer Support if they need additional help to resolve the matter.	C
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## Managing Users in eDIRECT

#### **Roles and Permissions**

- Each role is assigned a specific set of permissions
- Do not add to the preset set of permissions
- Role and Permission matrix is available in the eDIRECT Guide
- Only one DAC is permitted per district
- Only 1-2 assistant to the DAC permitted if needed per district.
- Only DACs, Assistant to DACs, and SACs have permissions to add accessibility features.

#### Security

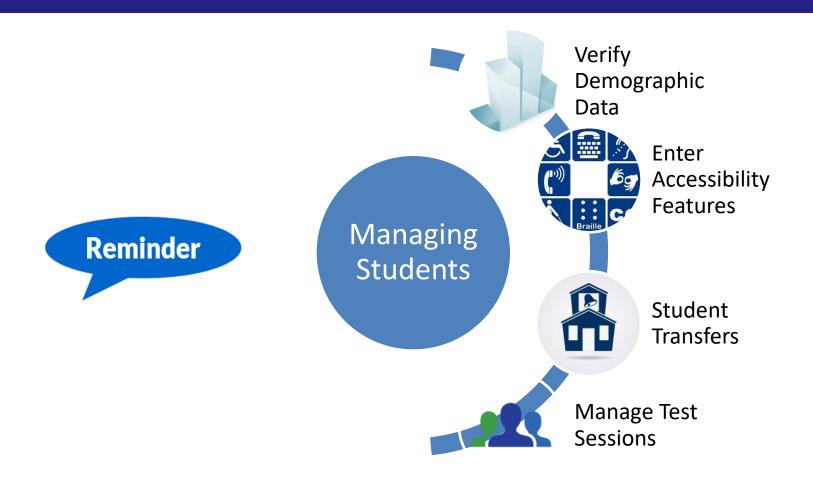
- Each role is given a set of permissions for security purposes
- Each role has a different level of access to student level data for security purposes
- It is essential you assign the correct staff person and their role to the correct permissions (see matrix in eDIRECT guide)

#### Access

- DACs add district-level users and SACs to eDIRECT
- SACs add school-level users to eDIRECT
- If there is not SAC the DAC (or Assistant to DAC) is responsible for adding all users.
- DACs were given 2019 access to eDIRECT in early November



## Managing Students in eDIRECT



Step-by-step instructions are available in *The eDIRECT Guide* at <a href="https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/forward/resources">https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/forward/resources</a>



## Adding Accessibility Features

Reminder



#### Optional Add Accessibility Features Window

Two week window (February 11-22)

Allows districts to enter accessibility features for multiple students at once using the multiple student upload (MSU) process



#### Individual Student-by-Student Basis

Begins March 4

Features may be entered right up until tickets are printed

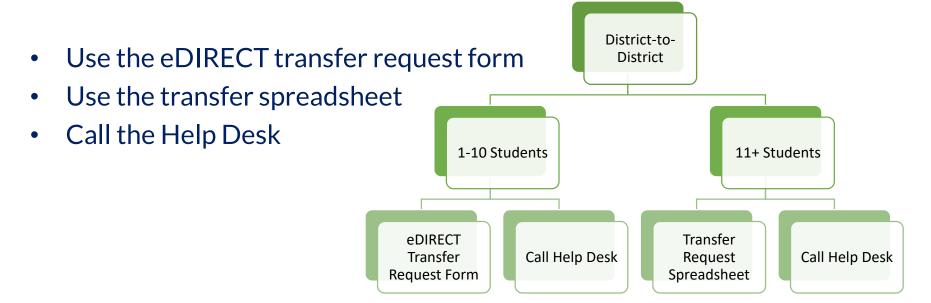


#### Mass-assign Functionality in eDIRECT

Assign a common accessibility feature (TTS or Color Contrast) at one time for multiple students

# Request a Student Transfer District-to-District UPDATED!

There are three ways to request a student be transferred into your district:



See *The eDIRECT Guide* for step-by-step instructions and the Testing Scenarios Table in the appendix for more information of student transfers.

## **Test Sessions**



#### February 25 - March 1

DRC will automatically put all students into grade level test sessions by school



#### March 5

DACs may begin to make changes to test sessions, create different test sessions, and manually add any new students to test sessions.

Districts must NOT create test sessions prior to March 5.



## **Not-Tested Codes (NTCs)**

Reminder

#### Participation Is a requirement for students in tested grades

- All students in grades 3-8 and 10 need to participate in appropriate content area exams (Forward or DLM)
- Students that are not able to be tested must have a NTC entered in eDIRECT

#### **NTCs**

#### Information in The eDIRECT Guide and TAM

- List of NTCs, their description, and information about appropriate use of each
- Students must be in a session to apply or view NTC
- Step-by-step instructions for apply NTCs

#### **DLM**

#### Do not delete these students from eDIRECT

- Students taking the DLM test must have a NTC code of "ALT" entered in eDIRECT.
- If a student taking DLM is opted out by a parent the NTC code of "PAR" is entered into eDIRECT instead of "ALT"



### **Test Administration**

TA approaches the Exam with a positive attitude

TA actively monitors students during testing

Every TA has a complete copy of the Test Administration Manual (TAM)

Successful Test Administration

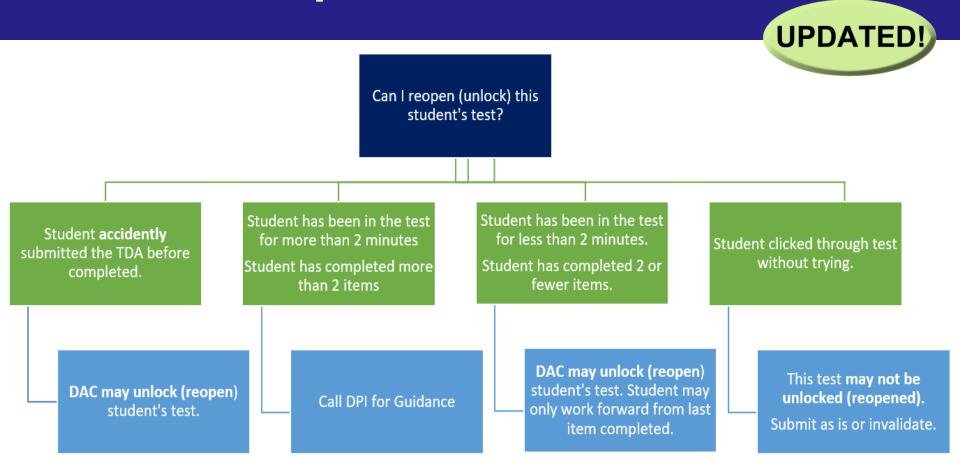
TA ensures all students have appropriate accessibility features prior to start of testing

Every TA has viewed the Test Administrator Training

TA reads the Script verbatim to students during testing



### Reopen/Unlock a Test



See *The eDIRECT Guide* for step-by-step instructions to check the number of items completed and amount of time in test session.



## Purging a Test



### The DAC must contact DPI about a purge.

- Only DPI can give approval to DRC to purge a student test.
- Purging the test deletes all previous responses (in all sessions of that content area) and assigns a new password.

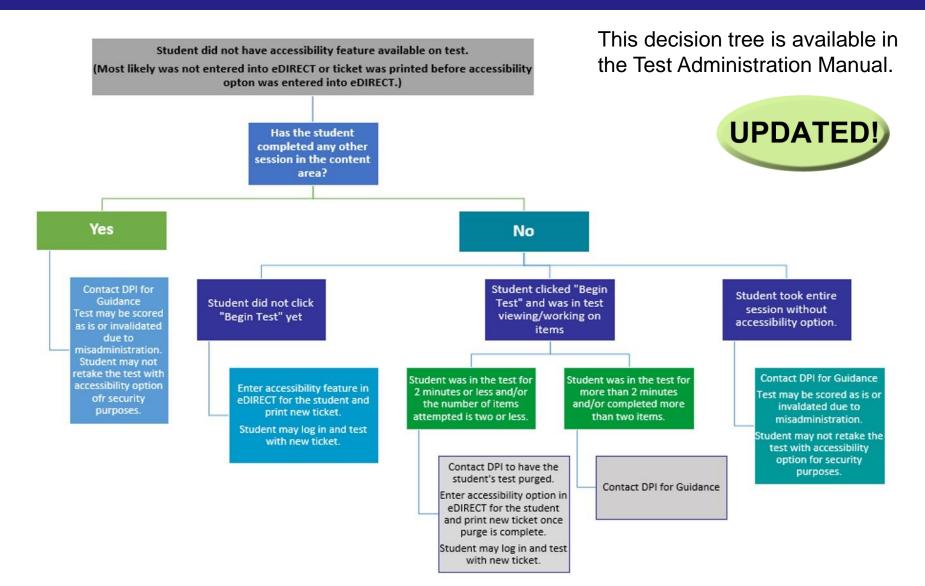
If a student started a test without the proper accessibility feature, possible options may include:

- Invalidate due to misadministration
- Score as is
- Purge

A test may only be purged if a student has completed two or fewer items in only one session of a content area and the duration of the test is two minutes or less.



# Student Started Test Without Appropriate Accessibility Feature



### Reminder

### Invalidation

### Invalidations Performed Due to:

- Test Security violations/ irregularities
- Student used inappropriate accessibility feature/was not provided assigned feature
- Student deliberately does not attempt to respond to questions (there is no option to reopen in this scenario, retesting is not permitted)

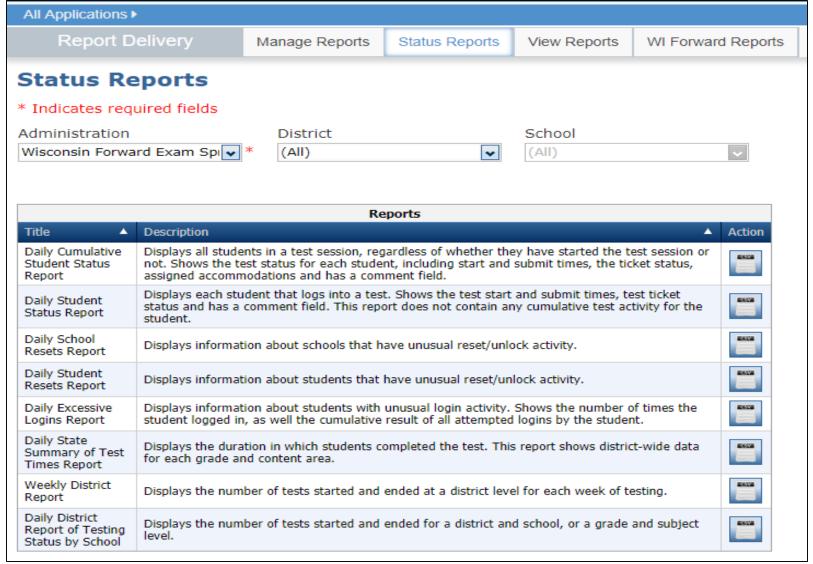
### Results of Invalidation:

- Entire content area will be invalidated and not scored (ex. all of ELA, not just 1 session within ELA)
- DAC must enter non-tested code of "INV" in eDIRECT for affected content area(s)
- Student will count as a nontest participant for that content area

A **Test Security Incident Report Form** must also be completed and submitted to DPI.



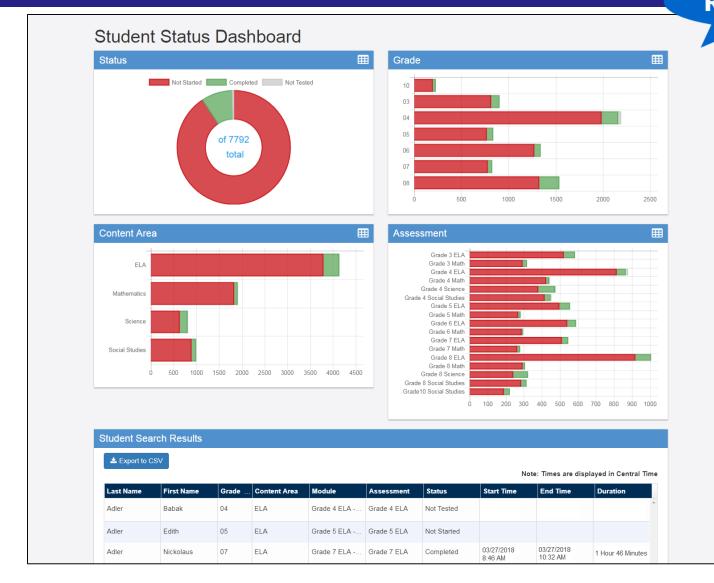
# Ensure Testing is Complete, Data are Accurate UPDATED!





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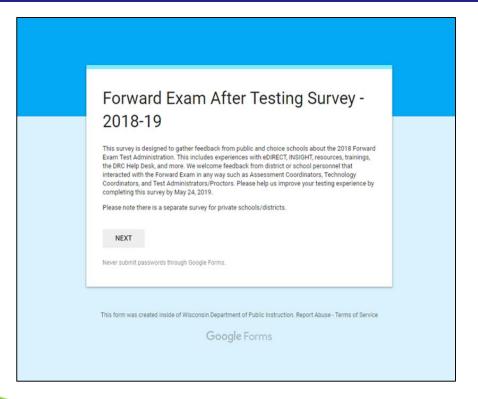
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# **End of Testing Survey**

### Reminder

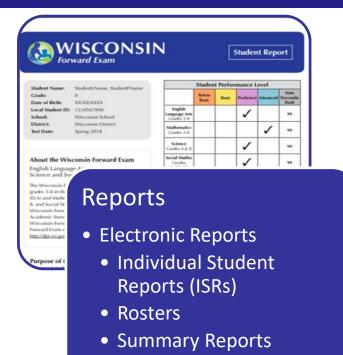


- DPI looks at all of the surveys and reads each and every comment!
- We appreciate your comments/feedback and make changes where able.
- Survey open March 25-May 25
- Should be completed as soon as you finish testing
- All staff involved in testing should complete survey (TAs, DACs, SACs, DTC, STCs)
- Link to survey will be in the DAC Digest (be sure to send link to all staff)



## Forward Exam Reports

Reminder



Hard Copy Individual

Student Reports (ISRs)

User's Guide to Interpreting Reports
Wisconsin Forward Exam

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Spring 2018
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
Version 1.0 | June 22, 2018

#### Resources

- User's Guide to Interpreting Reports
- Handout "What is an ISR?"
- Sample Parent/Guardian
   ISR Cover Letter

https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/forward/data



## **Communicating Data and Results**

DACs/SACs are responsible for ensuring all staff know how to read and understand the data and results for the Forward Exam at the level they have access.

#### Make sure staff know:

- About the User's Guide to Interpreting Reports and where to access it.
- The information on the ISR ties back to the standards documents so they are more informed when speaking to parents.





### **DRC Contact Information**

### Wisconsin Forward Help Desk

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If you are not receiving the assistance you need from the helpdesk - please contact DPI - (Alison or Jennifer) so we may help get your situation resolved.



Please send questions you may have after viewing this video to Alison or Jennifer, or to osamail@dpi.wi.gov

